



# San Diego DX Club Bulletin

January 2011

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IS THIS THE RAREST OF THEM ALL?

MEETING PROGRAM:  
**OUR OWN MARKO MYLLMAKI, N5ZO**

MEETING NOTICE:  
JOIN US AT THE SIZZLER  
AERO DRIVE & MURPHY CANYON Rd  
WEDNESDAY JANUARY 26, 2011

SOCIAL HOUR, 5:00 P.M. DINNER, 5:30 P.M.  
MEETING, 6:30 P.M.

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**The Prez Sez . . . .**

*Gayle Olson K6GO*



Happy Holidays one and all. From the positive comments I heard at our holiday party, I think it was a grand success. Some special thanks need to be said. Rusty, AF6WF and Dick, K6KAL generously opened their lovely home to us. They worked very hard setting up, and members stayed to help with the clean up.

Dennis, K6KI did a grand job organizing the food. We had a well-balanced meal with many great taste sensations.

Then the games began. John, K6AM, who is an extremely creative gamester, developed a game based on the old "What's My Line?" television game show. John's twist was "What's My Call?" Four attendees at the party participated as mystery guests; other members were on the panel wearing blindfolds so as to not see the mystery guests. The audience laughed heartily.

Then we had our gift exchange. Our members brought engaging gifts, and there was enough stealing to worry about some members being arrested.

Thank you all for all your assistance and participation.

The contesting season continues with activity on 160M and 10M which actually had a few good openings during the contest.

Our club has some interesting upcoming DXpeditions. N6OX will be going to Afghanistan in the spring.

Three of our club members will be participating in a YL DXpedition to PJ2 land. Rusty Kalkofen, AF6WF, Ellen Utschig, N6UWW and Gayle Olson, K6GO will be participating from our club. Other participating YL's are Michelle Thompson, W5NYV; Georgia Smith, KI6LAV, Marilyn Bolnick, KJ6YL; Margie Hoffman, KG6TBR. Their organizational meeting held on December 18<sup>th</sup> went very well, and all systems are go for the YL DXpedition. They hope you all work them.

Again, Happy Holidays, and see you next year. Cheers!

73,

*Gayle*

The San Diego DX Club (SDDXC) is among the best known and most highly respected DX clubs in the United States. Since its founding in 1946, SDDXC members have been on both sides of the pile-ups with DXpeditions and a fair share have achieved "Top of the Honor Roll" status. If you're interested in chasing DX, contesting, exchanging stories or just rubbing elbows with fellow "Big Guns" or "Little Pistols", you'll feel right at home at one of our club meetings. Join us at our next meeting. Visitors are particularly welcome!

## Treasurers Report

Leon Helms, N6VS



### Treasurers Report

**Bank Balance as of November 1, 2010**      **\$5,426.84**

**Income:**  
Member dues                          245.00

**Expense:**  
NCDXF                                  1,000.00  
Oct speaker mug                        15.00  
Oct speaker dinner                    9.77  
Nov speaker mug                        15.00  
Nov speaker dinner                    27.61  
Cover for new mbr book             21.66

**Ending balance November 30, 2010**      **4,582.80**

**Legal fund:**                            20.25  
**Shirt and hat sales:**                367.53

(Both of these balances are included in the bank balance, but a separate accounting is maintained.)

Club membership is 85 of which 47 need to renew for 2011.

## San Diego DX Club Meeting Minutes

The San Diego DX Club held its regular monthly meeting on Wednesday, November 24 2010 at the Sizzler Restaurant, Aero Drive at Murphy Canyon Road.

Our vice president Dick , K6GAK called the meeting to order at 6:30.

The evenings visitors were recognized and welcomed. The attendance total was 25.

The program for the evening was an interesting look at the VY2YY PEI DX Lodge and some of the work required to keep a large antenna installation in top shape presented by Skip Bolnick KJ6Y.

The Treasurer reminded everyone that it is dues collection season again.

A informal poll of those present expressed satisfaction with our policy of supporting DXpeditions via NCDXF, rather than direct contributions.

K1GR, Frank and N6KZB, Mike applied for membership and were accepted.

The roundtable included reports on recent contests, propagation and DXpeditions.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35

Respectfully submitted,

Leon, N6VS secretary/treasurer

## The SDDXC Top 10

John, K6AM



Is on vacation. Back in February.



## Who's the Rarest of them All?

By: Bob Farkaly, K9RHY

In the August 2010 edition of the SDDXC Bulletin I wrote about the DXers at the very top of the DXCC Honor Roll. As part of the research for this piece, I searched for the DXCC entity these Top of the Honor Roll DXers thought was the rarest of the rare.

I was not overwhelmed with responses.

It appears that most of the guys at the very top are not highly radio-active today. Most of them didn't respond to my e- or snail mails. So I decided to let the question drop until I had enough time to do some independent research. Here's what I found out:

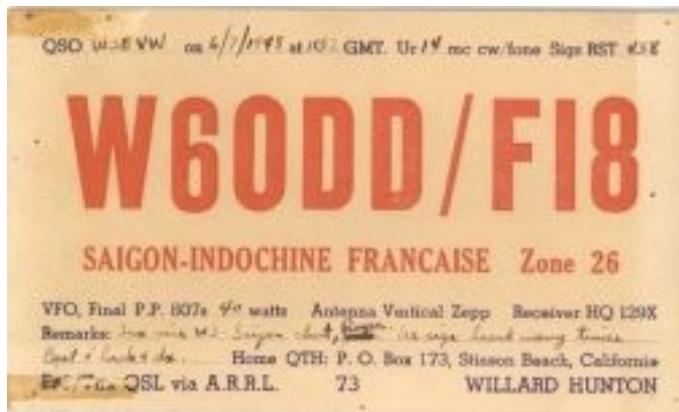
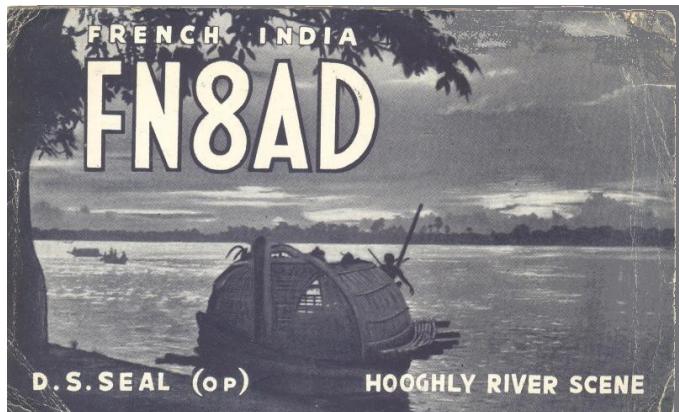
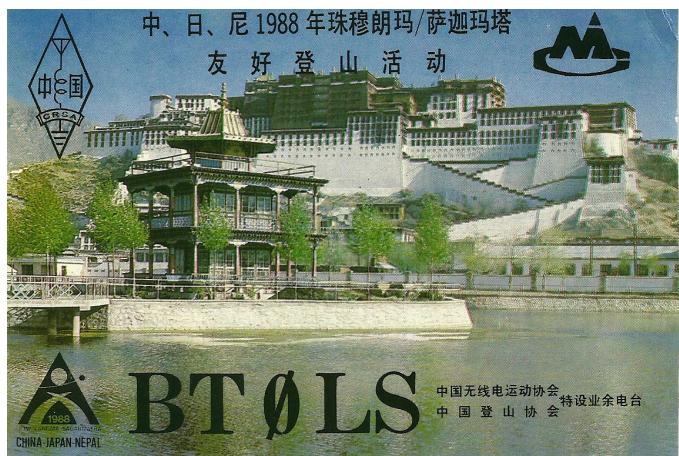
Because the ARRL's DXCC program, as we know it today didn't exist before WWII, I picked up my research when the war ended with the victory of the Allies over Germany and Japan in 1945. Frank Lucas (W8CRA) and Clark Rodimon (W1SZ - the editor of QST at the time) formulated the DX Century Club. Soon after its announcement on November 15, 1945, Post War DXCC certificate number 1 was awarded to W8CRA. (Today we would call him an "insider".)

Let's start hunting for rare ones with two of the strangest: Tanna Tuva and Wrangel Island. Both were added to the DXCC List and appear as separate countries in the 1939 and 1947 lists, but Tanna Tuva was removed from the list on August 1, 1955 and Wrangel Island was removed from the list on September 1, 1955 without anyone receiving credit for either entity. That's rare!

Growing up as a fledgling (QRPer, pre-Deserving) DXer in the 1950's and 60's, I recollect reading about Reg Fox, who signed AC4YN from Tibet. Tibet sounded unthinkably far away and remote to a Midwestern teenager and about as rare a country as there could be.

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Forty years later, in April 1988, I finally landed BTØLS operating from Lhasa, the capital of Tibet, the same city from which Reg Fox pounded brass. It was as exciting a catch for me as catching AC4YN must have been to a previous generation of DXers, but alas, Tibet was not the rare one I was looking for.

My research next suggested that I study the French ex-pats who settled in Asia after WWII, particularly French Colonial India (FN8), a territory that reverted to India in October, 1954 and French Indochina (FI8). France obtained control over northern Vietnam following its victory over China in 1885. French Indochina was formed in October 1887 from territory that later became Vietnam, Cambodia and Laos.

French India was deleted from the DXCC List on October 31, 1954. French Indochina was placed on the Banned List on December 21, 1950, essentially making it unavailable for credit after that date. It was subsequently deleted from the DXCC List on July 20, 1955 when Cambodia and Vietnam became separate entities.

The first operation from FI8 was by Willard Hunton, W6ODD/FI8, who operated with the permission of the Chief of Police in Saigon from July 3 to 24, 1948. I learned that he sent out about 200 QSLs, but few appear to have survived. There were quite a few stations active with FI8 prefixes, but the legitimacy of most of the operations is questionable and interpretation of the DXCC rules was not quite as stringent as it is today.

As to FN8, it was credited to only 91 of the Most Deserving. What an example of WFWL!

But after all that, I think I finally identified the rarest DXCC Entity ever!

Gao is a small state on the western coast of India. It was the first part of India colonized by Europeans and the last to be liberated. Goa appeared on the 1939 DXCC List as "Goa, Portuguese India" (CR8) and continued as a DXCC entity following WWII.

India achieved independence from Britain in 1947 and today Goa is an Indian state. But when asked to relinquish control of its Indian enclaves in the early 1950's, Portugal refused. Hence, in 1948, Goa was still a Portuguese possession.

Here's where it gets really interesting.

W6ODD/CR8 operated from Daman (Damão in Portuguese, Damao in the DXCC List of deleted countries), which is a Portuguese enclave on Diu Island West of Mumbai (Bombay) and Northwest of Goa, making between 28 and 100 contacts (the consensus is around 55 or 56) in 5 hours of operation on August 2 and 3, 1948. This was the only operation that ever took place from Diu/Damao.

In 1961, W6CUQ (who I believe is now a Silent Key) announced that Diu/Damao was over 75 miles from Goa, and separated from Goa by India. He brought this tidbit to the attention of the DXCC committee that then divided Portuguese India into three regions: Daman, Diu and Goa (Daman and Diu - close to one another - became one DXCC country and Goa another DXCC country, just as we saw happen with the recent PJ island DXCC rearrangement.

Goa and Diu/Damao were both deleted from the DXCC list on December 31, 1961 when India took possession of the Portuguese colonies in and around India.

One other operation was claimed to have taken place from Diu/Damao by an Indian operator, but it apparently was an early Romeo P5RS7-style operation. The card submitted to the DXCC desk was found to have been doctored and the operation was later determined to not have been there.

There were other legitimate CR8 operations about this time, but they all took place from Goa. No further operations took place from Diu/Damao before it was deleted from the DXCC List.

To make the story even more interesting, the first CR8/Diu/Damao/USA contact was made by Charlie Mellen, W1FH who said he called CQ on the morning of August 3, 1948 and was answered by W6ODD/CR8! No other stations in the Northeast worked W6ODD/CR8, but several W6's made the grade.

The operation only lasted two days. W6AM was rumored to have received a telephone call to get on the air the morning W1FH worked the CR8, but he was busy at the time. According to the story, he later found out that the operation had gone QRT that morning so he missed it!

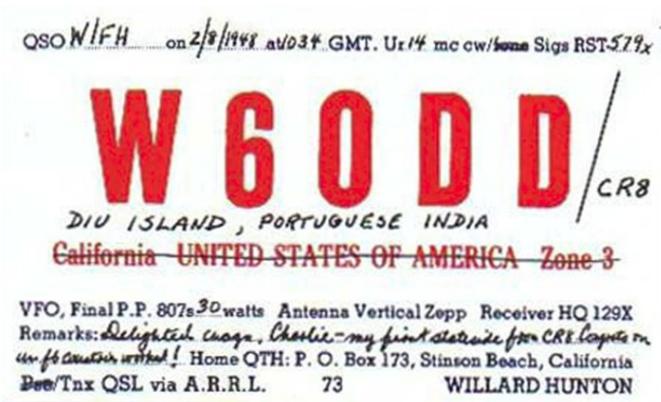
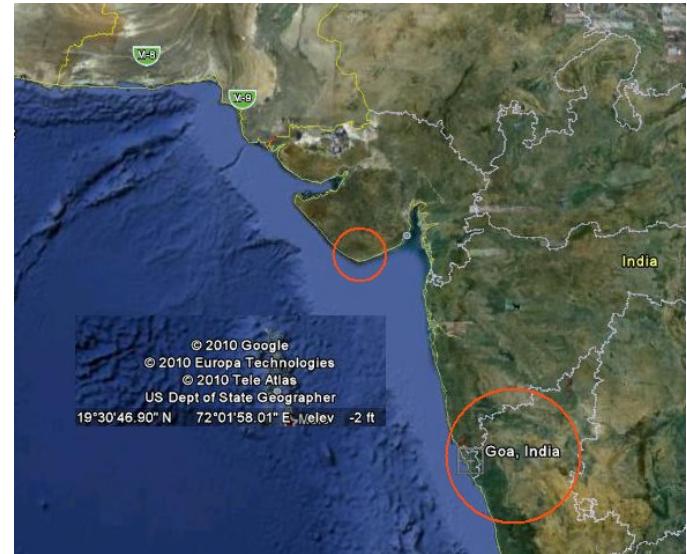
BTW, W6ODD/CR8's rig was an HQ-129 receiver and a pair of 807s running about 30 watts into a wire.

Fast forward to October 2000. Bernie McClenney, W3UR, was able to connect with three Old Lions of DXing: Ben Stevenson, W2BXA (Top of the Honor Roll at 390 today), Howie Wolfe, W2AGW (SK) and Ed Hawkins, K6ZO (Top of the Honor Roll at 394 today) – and all of whom were at the Top of the Honor Roll in October 2000. All three of these Old Timer DXers had worked FI8, but none had a QSL counter. But all three of these Old Time DXers missed Diu/Damao and still have it as a “never worked, still need” country.

I'm going to call this one and say that, without a doubt, Diu/Damao (CR8) is the ***Rarest of the Rare***.

73, Good DXing and remember to WFWL!

**Bob Farkaly, K9RHY**





January 2011 Contests				
Contest	Start Date	Start Time	End Date	End Time
CQ 160 Meter Contest, CW	28-Jan	2200Z	30-Jan	2200Z
REF Contest, CW	29-Jan	0600Z	30-Jan	1800Z

### Dear NCDXF contributor,

As the year 2010 comes to close, it is time to reflect on what has been accomplished even during these tough economic times. Your contributions have been even more important and we have strived to make the best use of your support.

Among those DXpeditions, the Foundation has been proud to support the following:

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| ZL8X Kermadec Island        | CY0 Sable Island                                     |
| E4X Palestine               | T31A Kanton Island (Phoenix Group), Central Kiribati |
| VP8ORK South Orkney Islands | PJ7E Sint Maarten                                    |
| 5V7TT Togo                  | 9U0A Burundi   |
| 9X0SP Rwanda                | ZK2A Niue  |
| VK9N Norfolk Island         |  |

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Thank you for your past support. On behalf of the Board of Directors, I wish you and your loved ones a safe and healthy holiday season. Peace on earth!!!

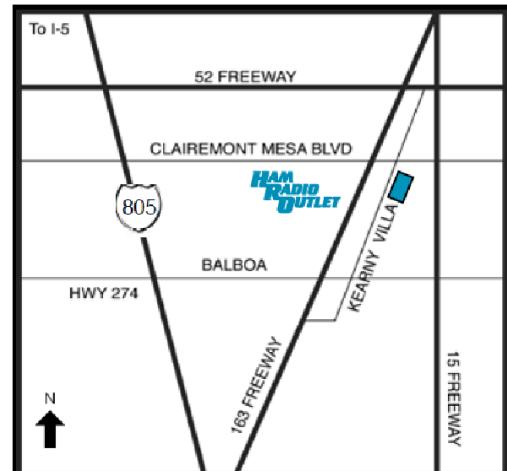
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